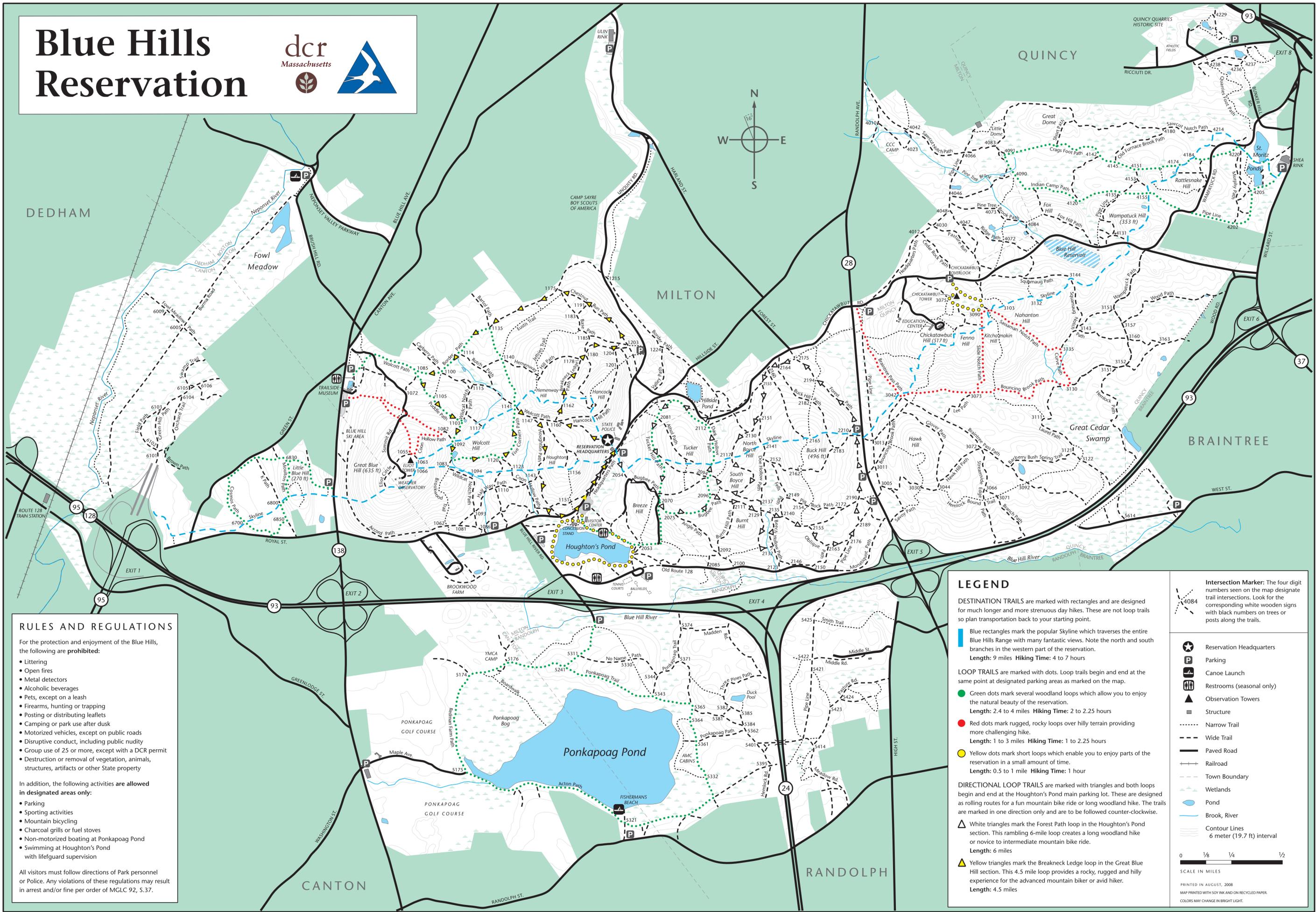


# Blue Hills Reservation



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the protection and enjoyment of the Blue Hills, the following are **prohibited**:

- Littering
- Open fires
- Metal detectors
- Alcoholic beverages
- Pets, except on a leash
- Firearms, hunting or trapping
- Posting or distributing leaflets
- Camping or park use after dusk
- Motorized vehicles, except on public roads
- Disruptive conduct, including public nudity
- Group use of 25 or more, except with a DCR permit
- Destruction or removal of vegetation, animals, structures, artifacts or other State property

In addition, the following activities are **allowed in designated areas only**:

- Parking
- Sporting activities
- Mountain bicycling
- Charcoal grills or fuel stoves
- Non-motorized boating at Ponkapoag Pond
- Swimming at Houghton's Pond with lifeguard supervision

All visitors must follow directions of Park personnel or Police. Any violations of these regulations may result in arrest and/or fine per order of MGLC 92, S.37.

## LEGEND

- DESTINATION TRAILS** are marked with rectangles and are designed for much longer and more strenuous day hikes. These are not loop trails so plan transportation back to your starting point.
- Blue rectangles mark the popular Skyline which traverses the entire Blue Hills Range with many fantastic views. Note the north and south branches in the western part of the reservation.  
**Length:** 9 miles **Hiking Time:** 4 to 7 hours
- LOOP TRAILS** are marked with dots. Loop trails begin and end at the same point at designated parking areas as marked on the map.
- Green dots mark several woodland loops which allow you to enjoy the natural beauty of the reservation.  
**Length:** 2.4 to 4 miles **Hiking Time:** 2 to 2.25 hours
  - Red dots mark rugged, rocky loops over hilly terrain providing more challenging hike.  
**Length:** 1 to 3 miles **Hiking Time:** 1 to 2.25 hours
  - Yellow dots mark short loops which enable you to enjoy parts of the reservation in a small amount of time.  
**Length:** 0.5 to 1 mile **Hiking Time:** 1 hour
- DIRECTIONAL LOOP TRAILS** are marked with triangles and both loops begin and end at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot. These are designed as rolling routes for a fun mountain bike ride or long woodland hike. The trails are marked in one direction only and are to be followed counter-clockwise.
- White triangles mark the Forest Path loop in the Houghton's Pond section. This rambling 6-mile loop creates a long woodland hike or novice to intermediate mountain bike ride.  
**Length:** 6 miles
  - Yellow triangles mark the Breakneck Ledge loop in the Great Blue Hill section. This 4.5 mile loop provides a rocky, rugged and hilly experience for the advanced mountain biker or avid hiker.  
**Length:** 4.5 miles
- Intersection Marker:** The four digit numbers seen on the map designate trail intersections. Look for the corresponding white wooden signs with black numbers on trees or posts along the trails.
- ★ Reservation Headquarters
  - P Parking
  - Canoe Launch
  - Restrooms (seasonal only)
  - ▲ Observation Towers
  - Structure
  - Narrow Trail
  - - - Wide Trail
  - Paved Road
  - Railroad
  - - - Town Boundary
  - Wetlands
  - Pond
  - Brook, River
  - Contour Lines 6 meter (19.7 ft) interval
- 0 1/8 1/4 1/2  
SCALE IN MILES
- PRINTED IN AUGUST, 2008  
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